



MARYS POND  
ROCHESTER  
AREA = 81 ACRES

NOT TO BE USED FOR NAVIGATIONAL PURPOSES

## **MARYS POND (Rochester)**

### **General Information:**

This 81-acre pond has an average depth of 12 feet, a maximum depth of 32 feet, and is transparent to 10 feet. The bottom is mostly sand, and aquatic vegetation is scant and patchy. Approximately half of the shoreline is developed with cottages, a public beach and cranberry bogs, but this is still a pretty pond and a nice place to fish.

The pond is located about three miles west of Route 25. Boat access is over the public beach, which is just off Marys Pond Road on the north side of the pond. Only car top boats and canoes can be launched here. Outboard users should be aware that there are restrictions on the hours that motors may be used during the summer. Shore fishermen can use the area around the beach and portions of the western shoreline. However, thanks to the hard, gradually sloping bottom, the entire shoreline can be easily waded.

This pond was reclaimed in 1957 and 1961. The pond was treated with 45 tons of limestone in 1971 to combat acidification, and an additional 40 tons was added in 1982. More limestone will undoubtedly be required in the near future.

### **Fish Populations:**

The fish population was most recently sampled during the summer of 1978. Seven species were collected: largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, pumpkinseed, yellow perch, brown bullhead, golden shiner and banded killifish.

### **Fishing:**

Marys Pond is stocked in the spring and fall with brook, brown and rainbow trout. Fishing pressure generated by these fish is highest from April through June, but anglers who can cope with the high recreational usage during summer can still find trout around depths of 20 feet.

Despite the clear water and lack of cover, this is not a bad bass pond. While lunkers are scarce, there are enough fish in the 12 to 17 inch range to provide good sport. Yellow perch fishing is also good, particularly during the winter. Ice anglers after the perch often catch trout as well.

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